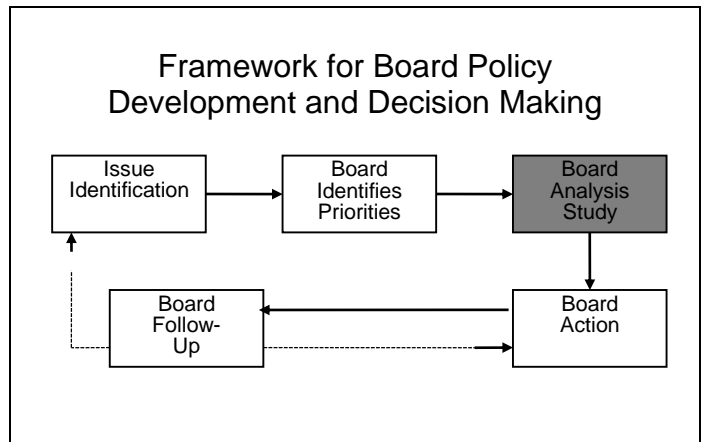


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

March 31, 2016



Agenda Item: Closing the Achievement Gap Report

Iowa Goal: All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.

State Board Role/Authority: In addition to statutory responsibilities, the State Board provides leadership and advocacy for the system of education in Iowa. Reducing achievement gaps is one of the State Board's priorities.

Presenter: Jay Pennington, Chief
Bureau of Information and Analysis Services

Attachments: None (The Report will be distributed at the Board meeting.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board hear and discuss this information.

Background: Findings will be presented from the *Iowa Legislative Report Closing the Achievement Gaps*. The report contains the latest information about Iowa student demographics and achievement trends between groups of Iowa students. The report meets a legislative requirement and aligns with board priorities.